

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method ~~for transparently accessing Web Services by a network terminal via a network access point, the method~~ comprising:

receiving a Web Service request from ~~a the~~ network terminal by ~~a the~~ network access point;

optionally translating the Web Service request into a first format;

receiving a Web Service response in the first format; and

optionally translating the Web Service response into a second format, wherein the second format is indicative of processing capabilities of the network terminal.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein translation of the Web Service request is performed in response to receiving a translation indication from the network terminal.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the translation indication is received with the Web Service request.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the translation indication is received through a capabilities information exchange with the network terminal.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein translation of the Web Service response is performed in response to receiving the translation indication from the network terminal.

6. (Currently amended) A ~~Web Service consumption~~ system, comprising:

a network terminal adapted to request a Web Service in a translated format and adapted to receive a response to the request in the translated format;

a network access point coupled to receive the request and adapted to convert the request into a conventional format; and

a service provider coupled to receive the request from the network access point and adapted to provide the response to the request in the conventional format, wherein the network access point is further adapted to convert the response into the translated format prior to forwarding the response to the network terminal.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~Web Service consumption~~ system according to Claim 6, wherein the network terminal is further adapted to command the network access point to convert the request into the conventional format.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~Web Service consumption~~ system according to Claim 7, wherein the network terminal is further adapted to command the network access point to convert the response into the translated format.

9. (Currently amended) The ~~Web Service consumption~~ system according to Claim 6, wherein the translated format comprises a wireless messaging format.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~Web Service consumption~~ system according to Claim 9, wherein the wireless messaging format comprises Multimedia Messaging System (MMS) format.

11. (Currently amended) The ~~Web Service consumption~~ system according to Claim 6, wherein the conventional format comprises Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP).

12. (Currently amended) The ~~Web Service consumption~~ system according to Claim 11, wherein the conventional format further comprises eXtensible Markup Language (XML).

13. (Currently amended) An apparatus, ~~A mobile terminal capable of being wirelessly coupled to a network which includes a network access point capable of translating Web Service exchanges between the mobile terminal and a service provider, the mobile terminal comprising:~~
a memory capable of storing a messaging module;

a processor coupled to the memory and configured by the messaging module to enable a message exchange with ~~the~~ a network access point that is capable of translating web service exchanges between a mobile terminal and a service provider, wherein the messaging module is adapted to instruct the network access point to convert the messages received from the mobile terminal to a format compatible with the service provider.

14. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~mobile terminal~~ according to Claim 13, wherein the messaging module provides the conversion instruction to the network access point within a service request.

15. (Currently amended) The apparatus ~~mobile terminal~~ according to Claim 13, wherein the messaging module provides the conversion instruction to the network access point during a capabilities exchange with the network access point.

16. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium comprising:

having stored instructions stored thereon which are executable by a network terminal for consuming Web Services by ~~performing steps comprising~~:

transmitting a Web Service request in a first format to a network access point;
signalling the network access point to convert the Web Service request from the first format to a second format; and
receiving a response to the Web Service request from the network access point,
wherein the response received is also in the first format.

17. (Currently amended) An apparatus ~~network access point within a network used to facilitate a Web Service exchange between a service requestor and a service provider~~, comprising:

means for receiving a service request in a first format from ~~the~~ a service requestor;
means for translating the service request from the first format into a second format in response to signalling received from the service requestor;

means for receiving a service response in the second format from ~~the~~ a service provider;
and

means for translating the service response from the second format to the first format in response to signalling received from the service requestor.

18. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium comprising:

~~having stored~~ instructions ~~stored thereon~~ which are executable by a network access point for facilitating Web Service consumption by ~~performing steps comprising~~:

receiving a service request in a first format from ~~the~~ a service requestor;

translating the service request from the first format into a second format in response to signalling received from the service requestor;

receiving a service response in the second format from ~~the~~ a service provider;

and

translating the service response from the second format to the first format in response to signalling received from the service requestor.

19. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein Web Service request is received to invoke a remote procedure call of a network service provider, and wherein the Web service response is a result of the invocation of the remote procedure call.

20. (New) The method of Claim 19, wherein translating the Web Service request into a first format comprises translating the Web service request from a compressed format to an uncompressed format, and wherein translating the Web Service response into the second format comprises translating the Web Service response from the uncompressed format to the compressed format.